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Docket No.: 43888-312

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Takayuki SHIRANE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9712
 Application No.: 10/826,389 : Group Art Unit: 1745
 Filed: April 19, 2004 : Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo
 For: SECONDARY BATTERY



Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	13	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented				\$0.00	
Fee for extension of time				\$0.00	
				\$0.00	
Total of Above Calculations				\$0.00	

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 12, 2005, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.